

# POETRY.

(From the Buffalo Courier.)  
"WORDS AND THEIR USES,"  
BY A KESTER QUAKER.

New York, 4th Month, 10th, 1871.  
Rascally Wren: From these lines my whereabouts  
thou'lt learn—

Moreover I import to thee my serious concern:  
The language of this people is a riddle unto me,  
And words, with them, are arguments of a reckless  
scurviness!

For instance: As I left the car, an imp with rusty  
feet,  
Said, "Shine!" "Nay, I'll not shine," I said,  
"except with inward grace!"

"I'll 'inward grace' a liquid or a paste?" asked this  
young Turk;  
"Hi, Daddy! what 'inward grace'! How does  
the old thing work?"

"Friend," said I to a Jew, whose breath suggested  
guilt,  
"Can the conveyer be straightway to a reputable inn?"  
His answer's gross impropriety I shall not soon forget—  
Instead of simply yes or nay, he gruffly said, "You  
bet!"

"Nay, nay, I shall not bet," said I, "for that would  
be a sin—  
Why don't thou answer plainly? Can thee take me to  
an inn?"

Thy vehicle is doubtless meant to carry folk about in  
this  
Tame why perovocative!" said he, perovocative, "Now  
perovocative!"

"Nay, really, I should not," quoth I; "my speech  
is mild;  
But thou—I grieve to say it—with falsehood is de-  
filed."  
Thou ought to be admonished to rid thy heart of  
guilt."

"See here! my live smoke," said he, "you cling on  
to much smoke!"  
"I've had these plain drab garments twenty years  
and more," said I.

"And when thou says I 'cling on style,' thee tells a  
willful lie!"  
At that he pranced around as if "a bee were in his  
bonnet."

"And, with hostile demonstrations, inquired if I was  
"on fire!"  
"On what? Till thee explains thyself, I can not tell!"  
I said.

He swore that something was "too thin" moreover  
it was "played!"  
But all his jargon was surpassed in wild absurdity.  
By threats, profanely emphasized, "to put a head on  
me!"

"No son of Belial," said I, "that miracle can do!"  
Whereat he fell upon me with blows, and curses, too,  
But failed to work that miracle—if such was his de-  
sign—

Instead of "putting on a head," he strove to smite  
off mine!

Thou know'st I cultivate the peaceful habit of my feet,  
But this man's conduct wrought on me a singular  
effect:  
For when he slapped my broad brow off, and asked,  
"How's that for high?"

It roused the Adam in me, and I smote him hip and  
thigh.  
The thing that gave a specimen of calumny broke  
loose,

And said I'd "smashed him bald-headed," and like-  
wise "cooled his goose!"  
Although I solemnly affirm I did not pull his hair,  
Nor did I cook his poultry—nor he had no poultry  
there!

They called me "Bully boy!" although I've seen  
him three-score years;  
They said that I was "lightening" when I "got upon  
my ear!"

And when I asked if lightning climbed his ear, or  
descended in his own way,  
"You know how it is yourself!" said one inces-  
santally blab!

Thou can convince that by this time, I am somewhat  
perplexed;  
Yea, the placid spirit in me has seldom been so vexed;  
I tarried there no longer, for plain-spoken men, like  
me,

With such perverters of our tongue, can have no unity.  
FRANK CLIVE.

LITERAL PARTIES IN LONDON.—The London  
correspondent of the *Home Journal* writes:

We have had an opportunity of seeing a literary  
and artistic review, which is so agreeable to the  
wits and choice spirits of Britain, in a re-  
ception at the house of Mr. Wilson, an eminent  
poet and scholar, with a beautiful and accom-  
plished wife.

This freedom from conventionalism or  
good manners; only, eccentric genius is permitted  
to be comfortable in its own way. Here, once a  
month, a brilliant circle may be found. Bacon,  
the celebrated sculptor; Froster, the comic ac-  
tress; Barnes, the painter; W. Simpson, the well-  
known editor; and Mr. Williams, who writes the  
leading articles for the *Standard*; Tom Hood, the  
successor to his father's honors; Sawyer, a rising  
poet; Blanchard, the artist; and Mayland, equal-  
ly noted; Wesleyan Marsden, the great dramat-  
ist, his blind son, and Crowell, the actor; Mr. Mills  
and Mr. Cobley of musical celebrity, may be seen  
in their house of recreation, with the eminent  
comedian Toole, who dines with the Prince of  
Wales, is presented to the Princess, and receives  
a present of jewelry as a token of royal friend-  
ship.

The ladies are dressed in the perfection of taste.  
One with magnificent rings plays and sings  
especially Tennyson's song of "The Brook," the  
rippling refrain, "I go on forever," provoking a  
witty gentleman to say in an undertone, "So she  
does."

The evening commenced at half-past  
eight, and supper was ready at eleven; a supper  
such as Britons love, cold roast sirloin, lamb,  
cold roast veal, ham, pickled salmon, salads,  
with a little trifle of blanc-mange and Sultana  
cheese; no oysters, no chicken salad, no ome-  
lette or charlotte russe, none of the delicious  
cakes given in America, where "victuals are no  
object." Oysters are rarely seen at London par-  
ties; they are too expensive; and the best are  
small and inferior to ours. These cold meat sup-  
pers are common in all families who dine early  
and are followed two or three hours later. At the  
literary receptions, three, four and five in the  
morning are often the hours of departing for the  
guests. This social habit is deplorable.

A room, vacated by a Frenchman having called in  
a physician in a fortnight, the latter spread a  
large mustard plaster and put it on the poor  
fellow's lower chest. Pat, when with fearful eyes  
he looked down on it, said: "Deocher, it  
strikes me it's a dale o' mustard for so little  
mate."

WILLIAM McDONALD, 90 years of age, is serv-  
ing his time in a Cincinnati printing office.  
Years ago he and Sir Walter Scott together  
produced a good many poems. Walter wrote  
them, and William put the manuscript into type.

As old minister the other day asked a woman  
what would induce her husband to attend church.  
"I don't know," she replied, "unless you were  
to put a pipe and a jug of whiskey in the pew."

Gentleman tells an inquirer that there is no  
anxiety in raising geese for market if you don't  
want them too young. Let them brood with  
the old ewe till their bridle-teeth are grown,  
and you can then transplant them to the forcing  
frames without wailing.

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